

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse located in Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-eighth day of March 2006, 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Henry M. Blessing, Jason R. Ramsey, Karen H. Hodock, John C. Thompson

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator, Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator,  
Frank Slavin, County Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Frank Phipps, Marty Holloway – VDOT; several citizens

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Henry Blessing called the regular meeting to order.

#### INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Vice-Chairman Jason Ramsey.

#### PLEDGE TO FLAG

Chairman Mr. Blessing led the pledge alliance to the flag.

#### MARCH 28, 2006 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the March 28, 2006 meeting agenda with the addition of appointments to the planning commission, was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda which consist of minutes of the February 28, 2006 regular meeting and the continued meeting of March 22, 2006, February 2006 bills in the amount of \$336,970.37, the March 1, 2006 and March 16, 2006 payrolls totaling \$138,336.26, reports from the Treasurer, Building Official, E-911 Program Manager, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

#### VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Frank Phipps, resident engineer updated the board regarding the Rt. 61 bridge construction, the guardrail on Rt. 42, advised the request for guardrail upon Rt. 614 has been sent to contractor, potholes upon the approaches to the Rt. 606 bridge are to be fixed. Mr. Phipps advised the board of his retirement from the Department of Transportation, effective June 1, 2006, last working day to be April 14, 2006.

Mr. Ramsey requested the need of gravels and grading on Trails End Road.

Mr. Blessing requested “congested area” signs be erected upon Rt. 52 in Bastian near the GIV entrance.

#### SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the January 2006 Social Services report in the amount of \$43,312.26 with the local allotment of \$6,570.71 was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

Linda Johnson, Director, offered the dollar amount expended toward clients for the energy and fuel assistance programs, adding at no costs in local monies.

#### SCHOOLS REQUISTION APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve and appropriate the April 2006 school board's request of \$700,000.00, to approve the filing of the meeting minutes of February 27, 2006, and check registers of February 28, 2006 was made by John Thompson, seconded by Jason Ramsey.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve and appropriate the transfer \$13,831.35 from the Special Fund held in LGIP, to the schools budget was made by John Thompson, seconded by Jason Ramsey.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

#### BLAND COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Julie Miller, spokesperson, presented to the board a Salary Proposal from the Bland County Education Association, for the 2006-2007 year.

#### E-911 PROGRAM MANAGER –LEPC

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to proceed with the joint LEPC endeavor with Wythe County as requested by Katie Gamble, E-911 Program Manager was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by Karen Hodock.

#### RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE

Randy Moler, representative updated the board regarding the progress on the Rocky Gap Community Park shelter and advised of the park signs installed at each of the community parks.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

##### Police Patrol Request

Chester Rife, property owner, spoke to the board regarding the high number of break-ins in the Poor Valley area and requested the sheriffs department, the state or the game warden patrol the area more.

##### Relay for Life Team

Cindy Wright appeared before the board with the request to use the courthouse lawn as a back-up site for the Relay for Life event, with the fairgrounds named as the primary location. Renee Shultz requested consideration of the board in the coverage of electricity, approval of the entertainment permit and mowing of the grass on the fairgrounds.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to request that the judge approve the courthouse lawn as the alternate site for the Relay for Life and authorize the chairman to sign the property usage application was made by John Thompson, seconded by Jason Ramsey.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

#### BRAIN INJURY SERVICES OF SWVA

Helen Butler, Executive Director, appeared with information regarding the services offered through the Brain Injury Services of SWVA and requested \$400 be included within the county's 06-07 budget to help fund these services.

#### APPOINTMENTS

##### Planning Commission

Tabled.

BREWSTER FIREWORKS PERMIT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Fireworks application of Roger A. Brewster for July 8, 2006 was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

BLAND COUNTY MEDICAL CLINIC COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT RESOLUTION

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Bland County Medical Clinic Community Impact Grant Resolution and authorize the chairman to sign was made by John Thompson, seconded by Karen Hodock.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

BLAND COUNTY BEARS BASKETBALL TEAMS PROCLAMATIONS PRESENTED

The Bland County Bears 2005-2006 boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams were recognized on their 2006 placement within the Mountain Empire District.

RT. 52 WATERLINE EXTENSION ACROSS I-77 FUNDING APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to expropriate \$150,000.00 into the Bland Water Project Fund #340 for construction and design of the Bland Waterline extension under Interstate 77; breakdown to be; \$10,000.00 from the Bland County Service Authority budget, \$30,000.00 from the Landfill Closure 42700-3185, \$30,000.00 from the Community Development Infrastructure 81200—8316, \$15,000.00 Industrial Development 81500-5885, \$20,000.00 Purchase of Water from WVAW 41500-6015 was made by John Thompson, seconded by Jason Ramsey.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

BASTIAN UNION CHURCH BUILDING PERMIT FEE WAIVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to waive the building permit fee in the amount of \$714.29 as requested by the Bastian Union Church, for construction of a shelter, was made by John Thompson, seconded by Karen Hodock.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

COYOTE ORDINANCE DRAFTED

There was discussion on the drafted Coyote Ordinance. With no action taken the topic was tabled until the April 06 meeting.

CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS WEEK RECOGNIZED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve April 23<sup>rd</sup> through April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006 as Crime Victim Rights Week was made by Karen Hodock, seconded by Jason Ramsey.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

PROJECT CADDY UPDATE

County Administrator, Jonathan Sweet advised the board of the Project Caddy conference attendance and the results of the county obtaining a \$3000.00 grant for the coalition to tackle the drugs in the county.

SCHOOLS AFTER PROM PARTY DONATION APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the purchase of two (2) \$100.00 savings bonds to be given away at the After Prom party of the Rocky Gap High School and of the Bland High School and direct the county administrator locate the \$100.00 within the 05-06 budget was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Karen Hodock.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

CONTINUANCE This meeting was continued until 5:30 p.m., April 12, 2006.

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Henry M. Blessing, Chairman

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Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator